



Willenhall Community Primary School

Children with medical needs who can't attend school policy

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1. Aims

This policy aims to ensure that:

- Suitable education is arranged for pupils on roll who cannot attend school due to health needs.

2. Legislation and guidance

This policy reflects the requirements of the [Education Act 1996](#).

It also based on guidance provided by our local authority.

This policy complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/education-for-children-with-health-needs-who-cannot-attend-school>.

3. Responsibilities of the school

3.1. If the school makes arrangements

The school will make arrangements to deliver suitable education for children with health needs who cannot attend school.

- Parents and children will be consulted and engaged in any decision making about working from home.
- The class teacher will arrange to send work home. This will be as much as the pupil's individual health condition allows, (25 hours is classed as full time).
- The class teacher will be responsible for setting and monitoring work in accordance with the pupil's level. This will be in collaboration with the SEND Lead.
- The school will enable the pupil to stay in touch with school life through calls home, newsletters and correspondence relating to pertinent school matters.
- The class teacher and SEND Lead will create an individually tailored reintegration plan dependent on their health needs and supported by the SLT and reviewed as appropriate.
- The SEND Lead will involve the school nurse at this stage as they may be able to offer valuable advice.

3.2. If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Coventry local authority will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children.

- The school will initially consider the needs of the individual children.
- If the child is absent for 15 days or more whether consecutive or cumulative then the LA will take over responsibility for the education of the child.
- The process for referring a child to the local authority is:
 - By telephone to the Inclusion and Attendance Manager Viv Blinco 024 7697 5434 or by email to the attendance email address Attendance@coventry.gov.uk
 - From September 2021 there will be a web based referral system.
- The school would need to provide appropriate evidence from a medical professional to enable the local authority to arrange appropriate provision for the pupil via Hospital Education Service.

3.2.1. In cases where the local authority makes arrangements, the school will:

- Work constructively with the local authority, providers, relevant agencies and parents to ensure the best outcomes for the pupil.
- Share information with the local authority and relevant health services as required.
- Help make sure that the provision offered to the pupil is as effective as possible and that the child can be reintegrated back into school successfully.
- When reintegration is anticipated, work with the local authority to:
 - Plan for consistent provision during and after the period of education outside the school, allowing the pupil to access the same curriculum and materials that they would have used in school as far as possible.
 - Enable the pupil to stay in touch with school life (e.g. through newsletters, emails, invitations to school events or internet links to lessons from their school).
 - Create individually tailored reintegration plans for each child returning to school.
 - Consider whether any reasonable adjustments need to be made.

4. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually by the school SEND Lead. At every review, it will be approved by the Governing Board.

5. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions
- The Equality Act 2020

- The Remote Learning Policy
- The SEND Inclusion Policy
- Pupil Acceptable Use Agreement
- Video Conferencing Policy
- E Safety Policy